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WHAT EXACTLY WERE YOU TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH BY LYING TO ME AND-

KADINGIR?
BUT, THAT'S OVER NOW.
SINCE KADINGIR HAS BEEN COMPLETED, I CAN DO AS I PLEASE.
SIMPLE. IT WAS NECESSARY TO HAVE SOMEONE ELSE ACT IN MY PLACE FOR A BRIEF TIME.

IT'S OK, I'LL GRANT YOUR WISH FOR YOU.
IF I USE KADINGIR, IT'S POSSIBLE TO RID THE ENTIRE WORLD OF THE SEEDS THAT CREATE STRIFE.

BECAUSE I WILL HAVE THE POWER TO UNIFY THE WORLD TOGETHER AS ONE ...

KUH!
UUGH ...
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YUWAAAAAAA!!
KYA!
A-ARE YOU OKAY ...?
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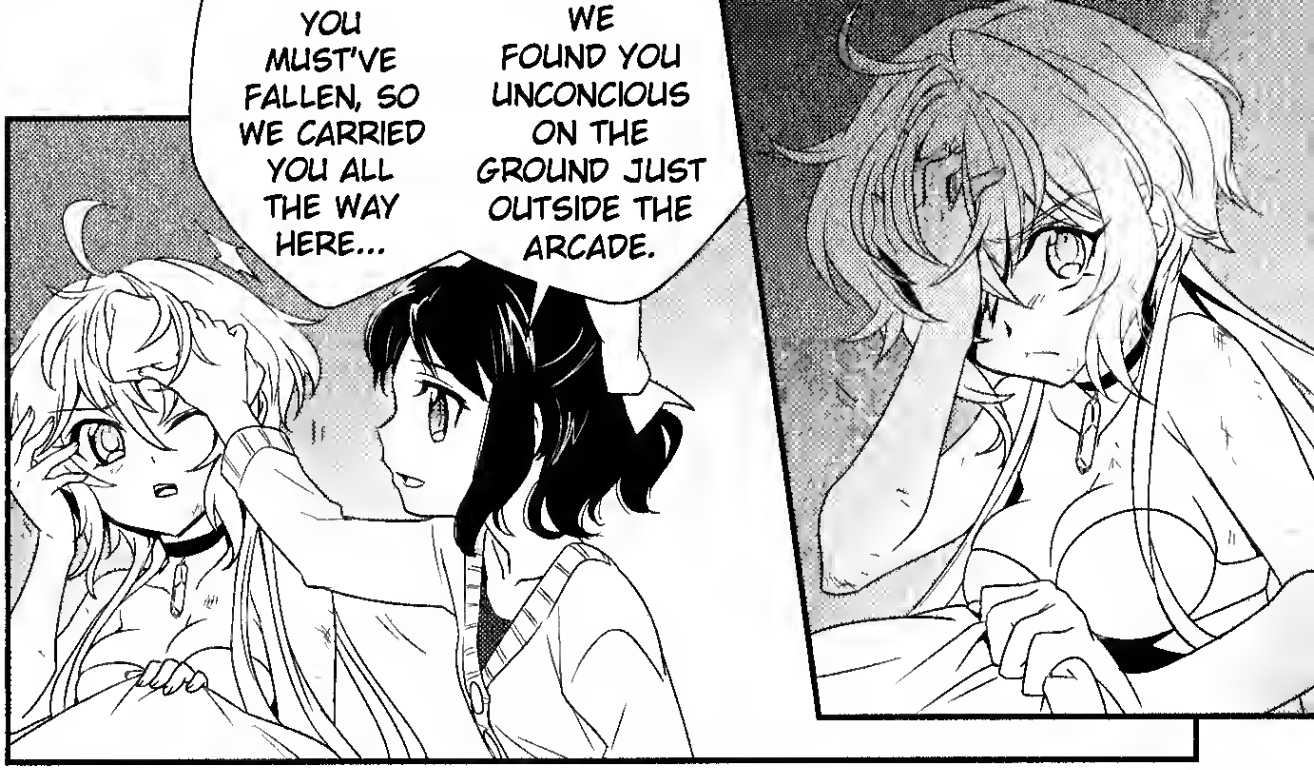
AAAH ...
AH ...
WHERE AM I ...?
LYDIAN?
YOU'RE IN THE SENIOR DORMS OF LYDIAN MUSIC ACADEMY.


YOU MUST'VE FALLEN, SO WE CARRIED YOU ALL THE WAY HERE...
WE FOUND YOU UNCONCIOUS ON THE GROUND JUST OUTSIDE THE ARCADE.

I FELL ....

AND I USED UP ALL THE ENERGY I HAD ...
THAT'S RIGHT, I RAN AWAY FROM FINE.

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I'M BAACK!
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AH
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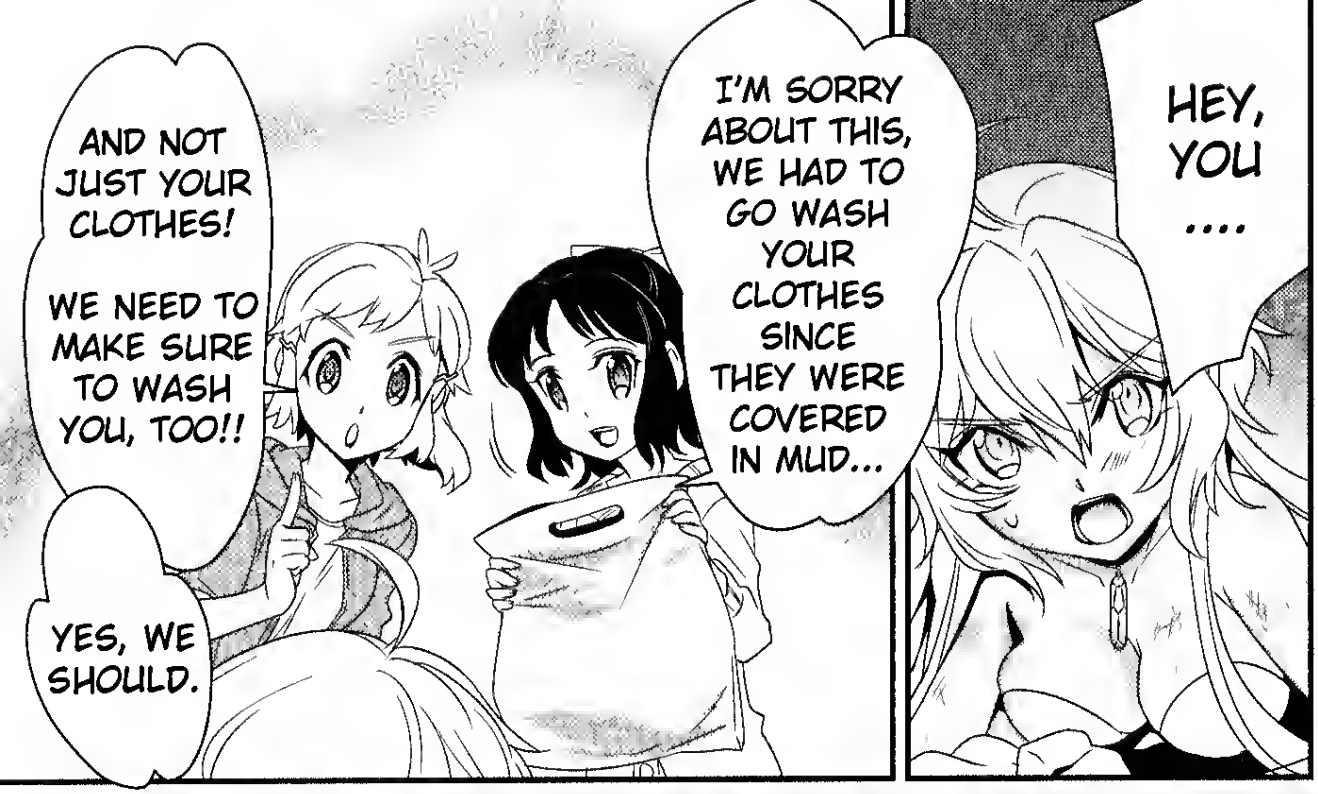
I JUST HEARD A BIG CRASH OUTSIDE, DID YOU DROP SOMETHING?

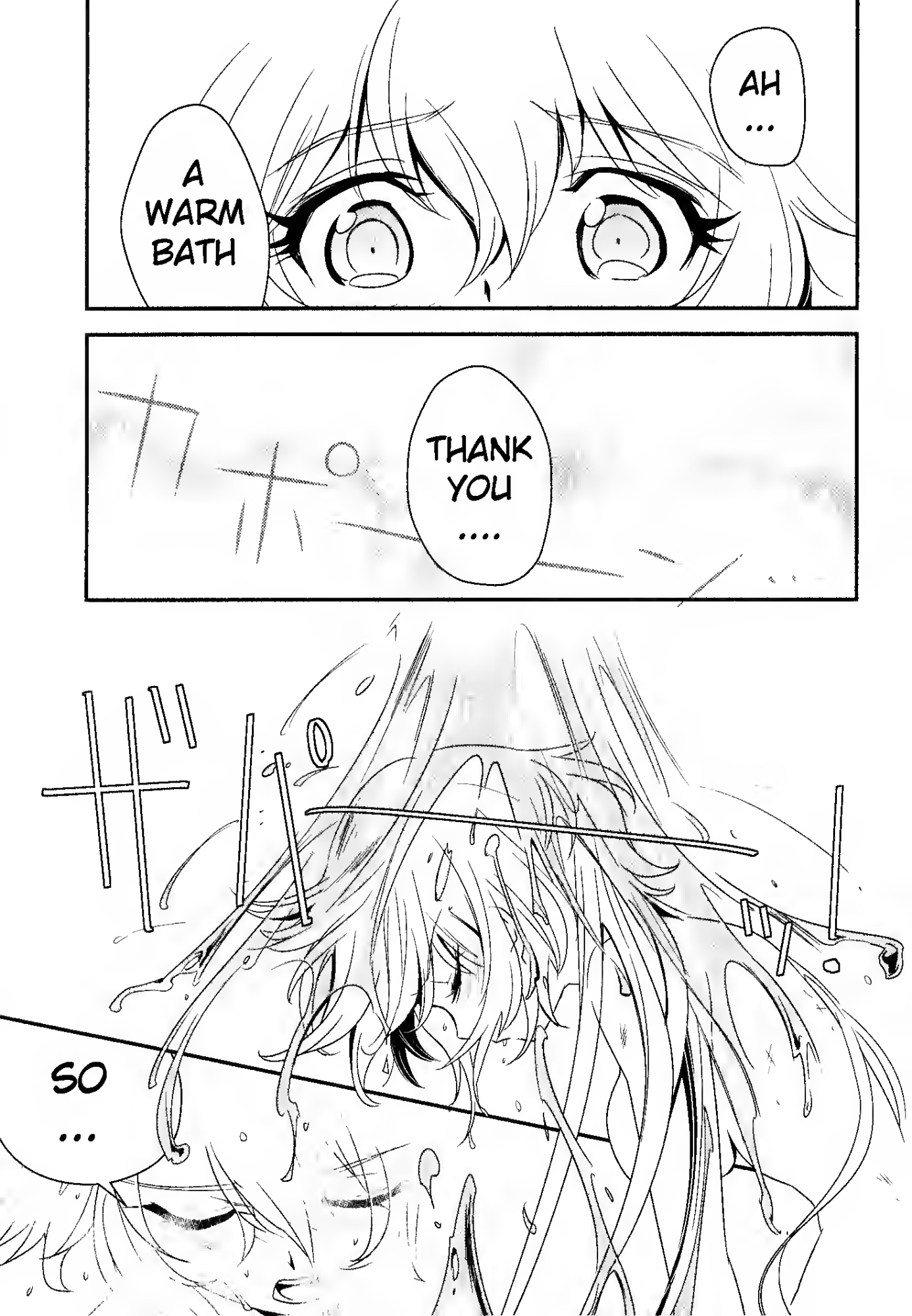
AAH!
!!
HOORAY! YOU'RE AWAKE NOW!!
ARE YOU OK !?
HIBIKI !!
THIS GIRL IS THAT ONE WHO-
WHAT ABOUT HER DRESS ?
YEP! GOT IT ALL CLEAN! ♪
AND I MADE SURE IT'S NICE AND DRY!
DOES SHE NOT RECOGNIZE ME!?

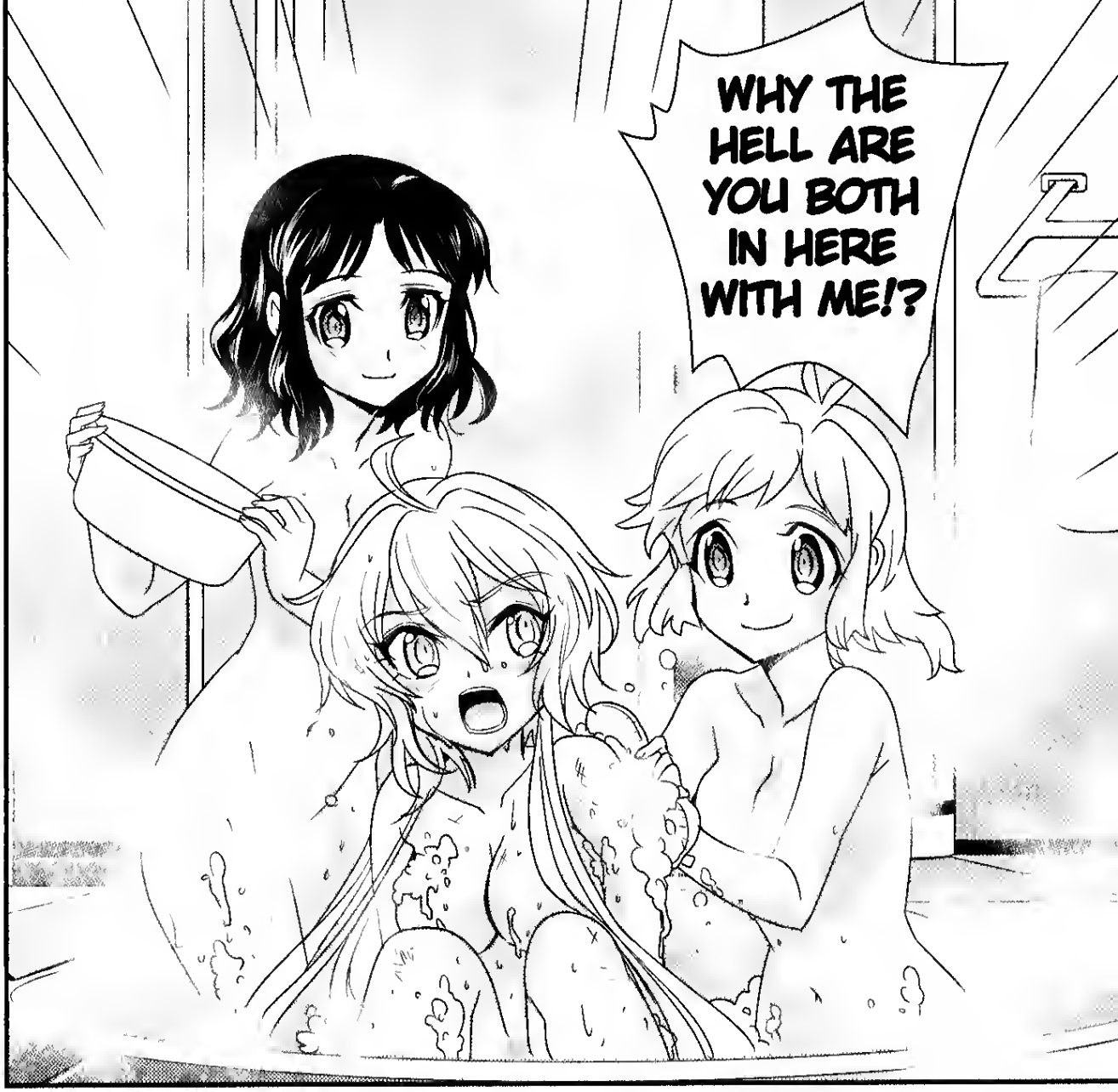

HEY, YOU ....
I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS, WE HAD TO GO WASH YOUR CLOTHES SINCE THEY WERE COVERED IN MUD...
AND NOT JUST YOUR CLOTHES!
WE NEED TO MAKE SURE TO WASH YOU, TOO!!
YES, WE SHOULD.

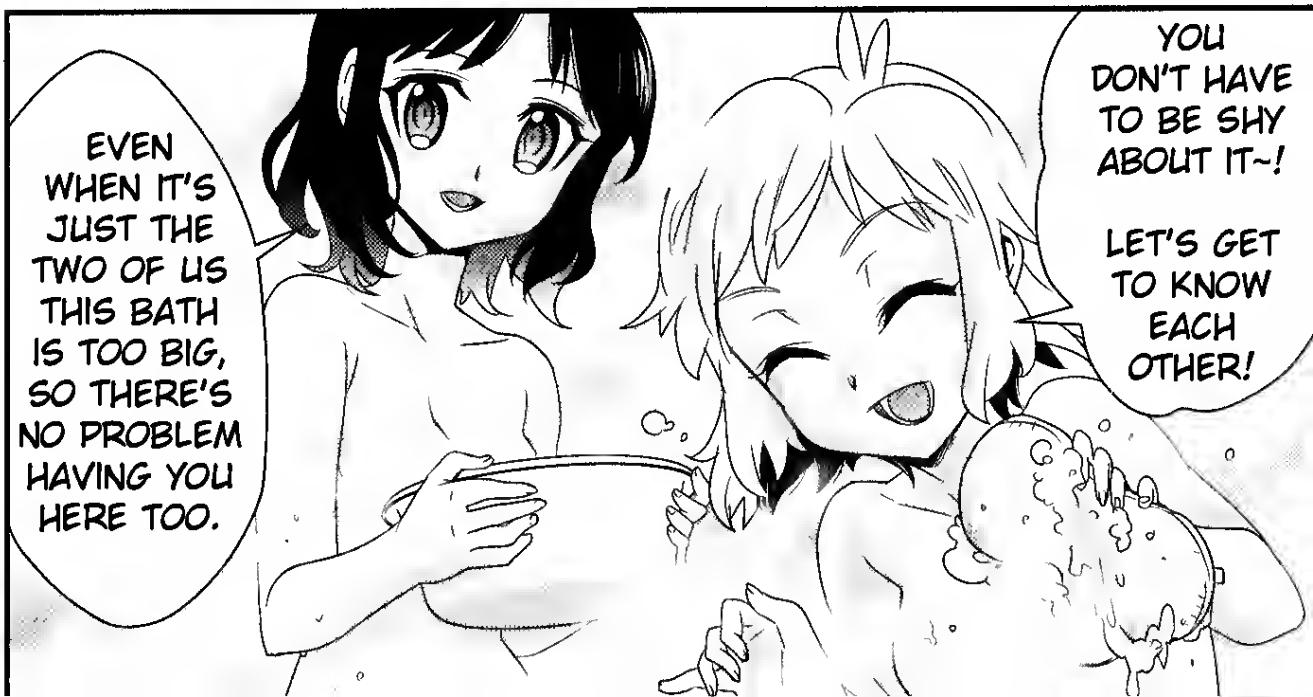
WHAA!?

AND SO, WITH THAT ....

YOU CAN HELP YOURSELF TO A WARM BATH~~~!!


AH ...
A WARM BATH
THANK YOU ....
SO ...


WHY THE HELL ARE YOU BOTH IN HERE WITH ME!?


EVEN WHEN IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US THIS BATH IS TOO BIG, SO THERE'S NO PROBLEM HAVING YOU HERE TOO.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SHY ABOUT IT~!
LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!

HYAAA!!
NOW, NOW!
THE CUSTOMER NEEDS TO HOLD STILL!
I'LL MAKE SURE TO GET AAAALLLL OF THE HARD TO REACH PLACES FOR YOU, MISS~!
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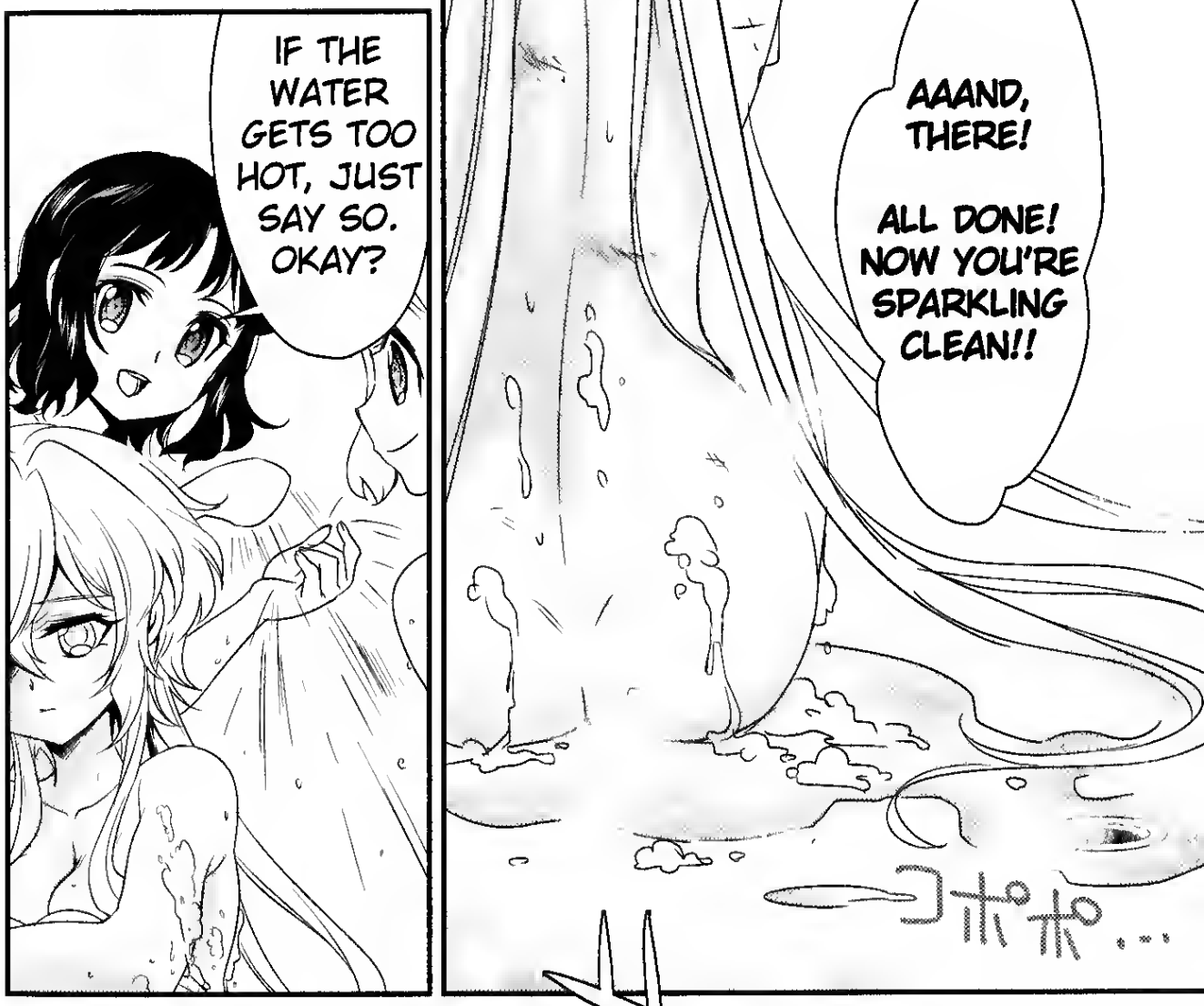
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM HERE, HMPH ...


IF THE WATER GETS TOO HOT, JUST SAY SO. OKAY?
AAAND, THERE!
ALL DONE! NOW YOU'RE SPARKLING CLEAN!!
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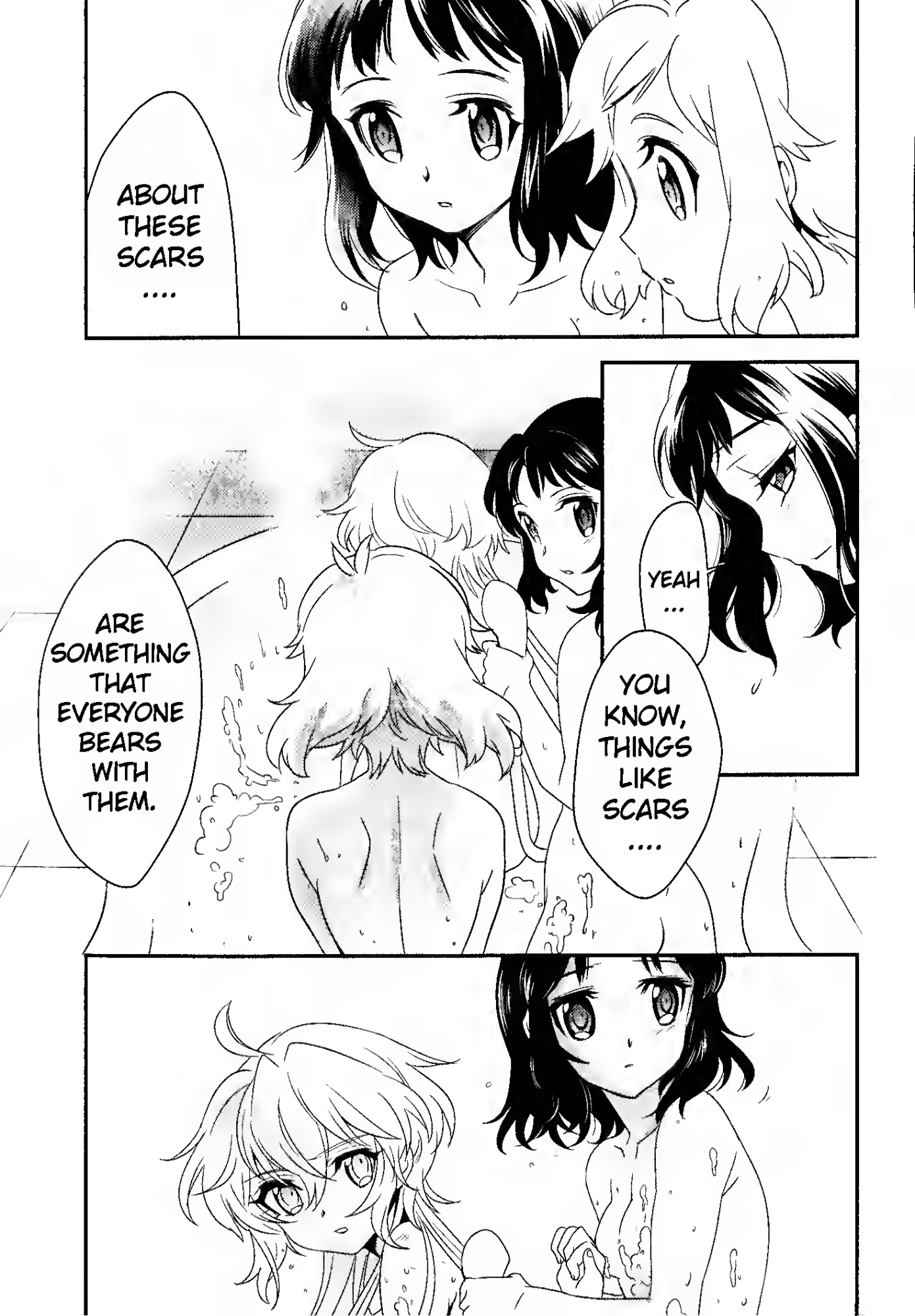
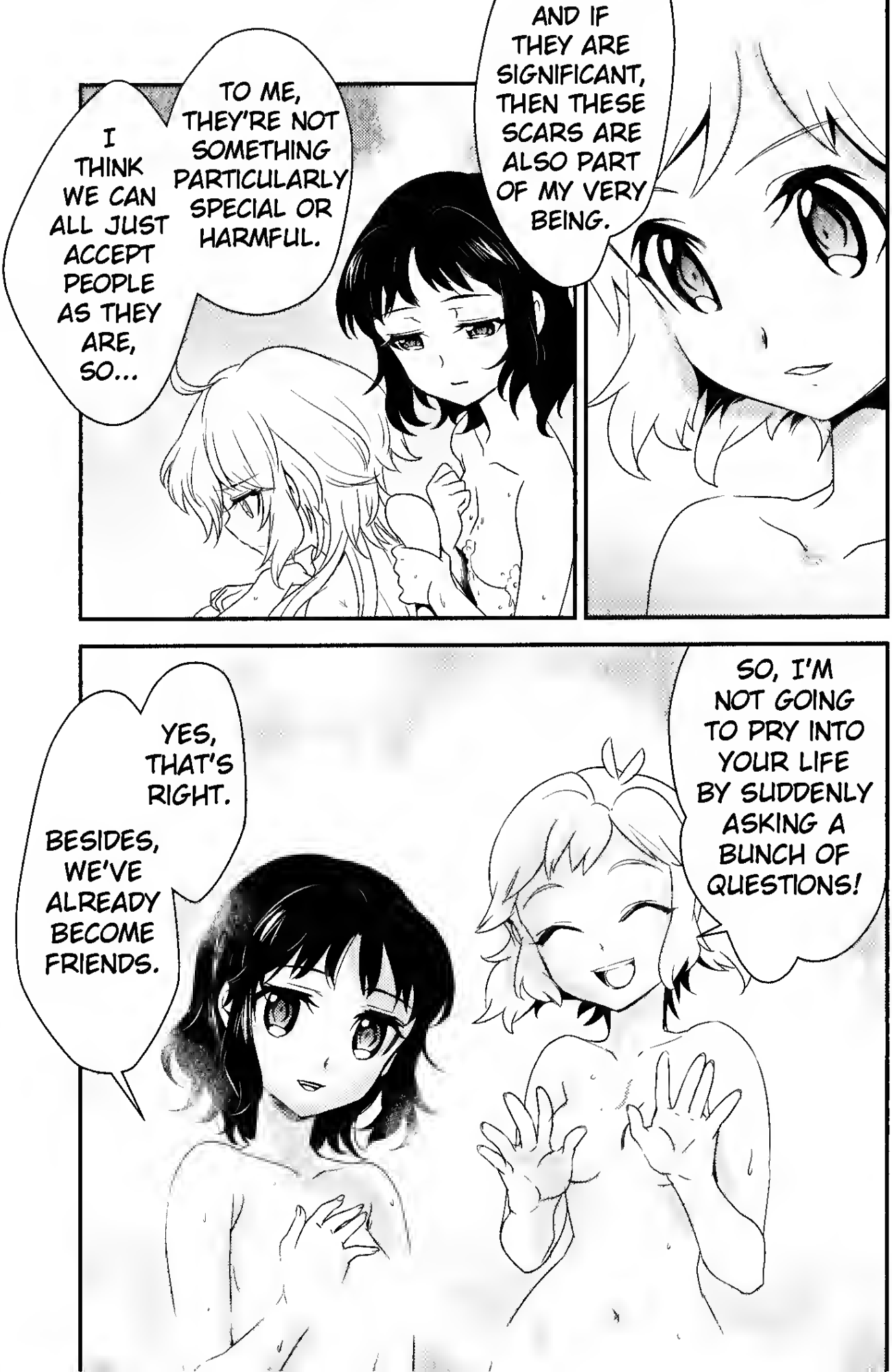
SO, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ASK ABOUT THEM.


ABOUT THESE SCARS ....
YEAH ...
YOU KNOW, THINGS LIKE SCARS ....
ARE SOMETHING THAT EVERYONE BEARS WITH THEM.

EVEN AFTER MY WOUNDS HAVE HEALED, THE SCARS STILL LEAVE AN IMPRESSION ON MY CURRENT SELF.
I'M POSITIVE THERE IS SIGNIFICANCE IN THAT ....
AT LEAST, THAT'S HOW I'VE STARTED FEELING LATELY.


I THINK WE CAN ALL JUST ACCEPT PEOPLE AS THEY ARE, SO...
TO ME, THEY'RE NOT SOMETHING PARTICULARLY SPECIAL OR HARMFUL.
AND IF THEY ARE SIGNIFICANT, THEN THESE SCARS ARE ALSO PART OF MY VERY BEING.
YES, THAT'S RIGHT.
BESIDES, WE'VE ALREADY BECOME FRIENDS.
SO, I'M NOT GOING TO PRY INTO YOUR LIFE BY SUDDENLY ASKING A BUNCH OF QUESTIONS!

FRIENDS
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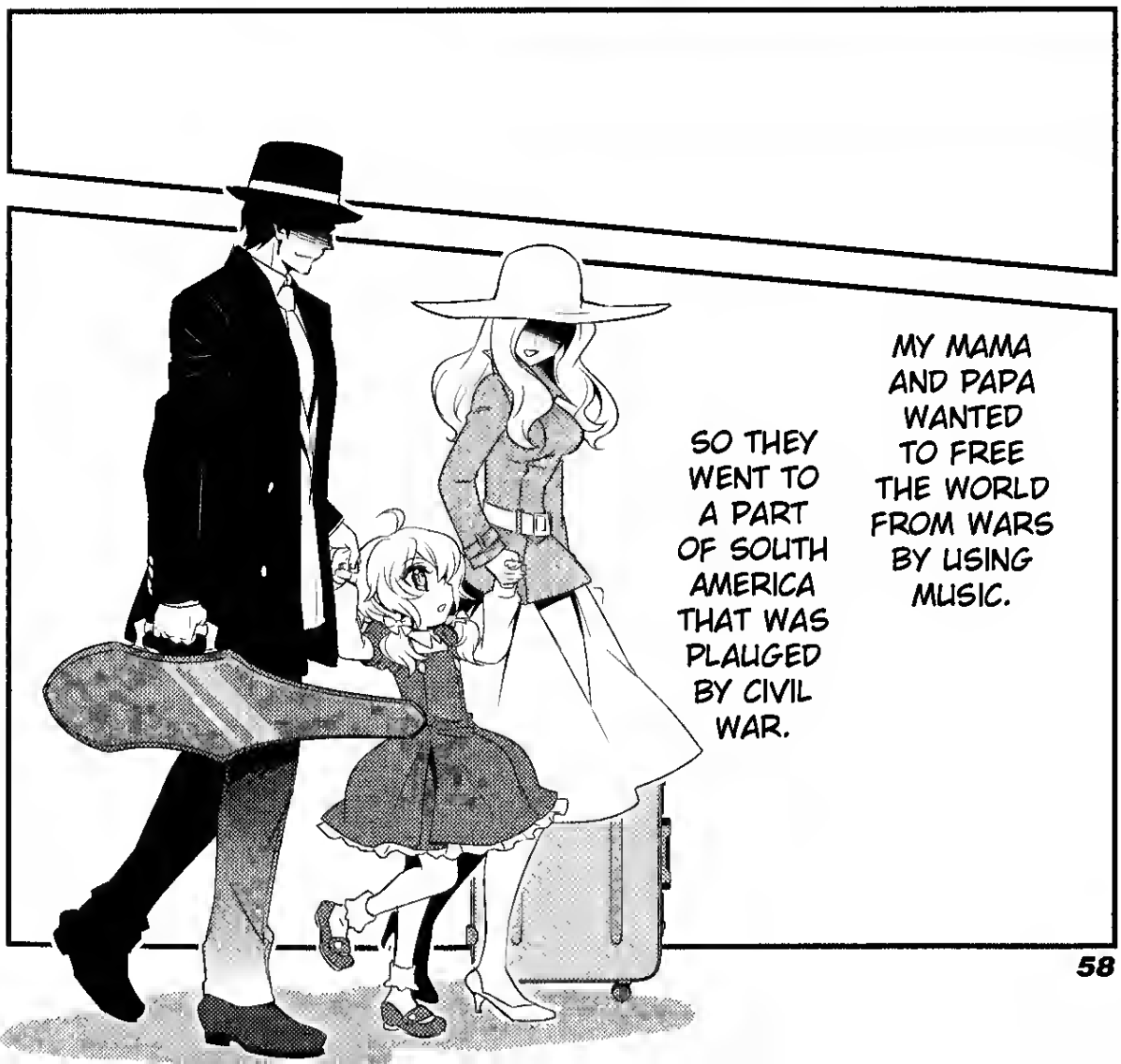
MY MAMA AND PAPA WANTED TO FREE THE WORLD FROM WARS BY USING MUSIC.
SO THEY WENT TO A PART OF SOUTH AMERICA THAT WAS PLAUGED BY CIVIL WAR.

BUT AFTER WE ARRIVED THERE, THEY CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF SOME TERRORISTS.
IN THE END, THAT WAR STOLE EVERYTHING FROM ME ...
SO I'M GOING TO BE THE ONE WHO KILLS ALL THOSE BASTARDS ....!!

SOMEONE LIKE THAT ....
SOMEONE LIKE ME, DOESN'T NEED ANY FRIENDS ....!!

SO, MY NAME IS TACHIBANA HIBIKI.
AND OVER HERE IS MY BEST FRIEND-
KOHINATA MIKU.
HEY!
YUKINE CHRIS.

WAIT
...
YUKINE
CHRIS
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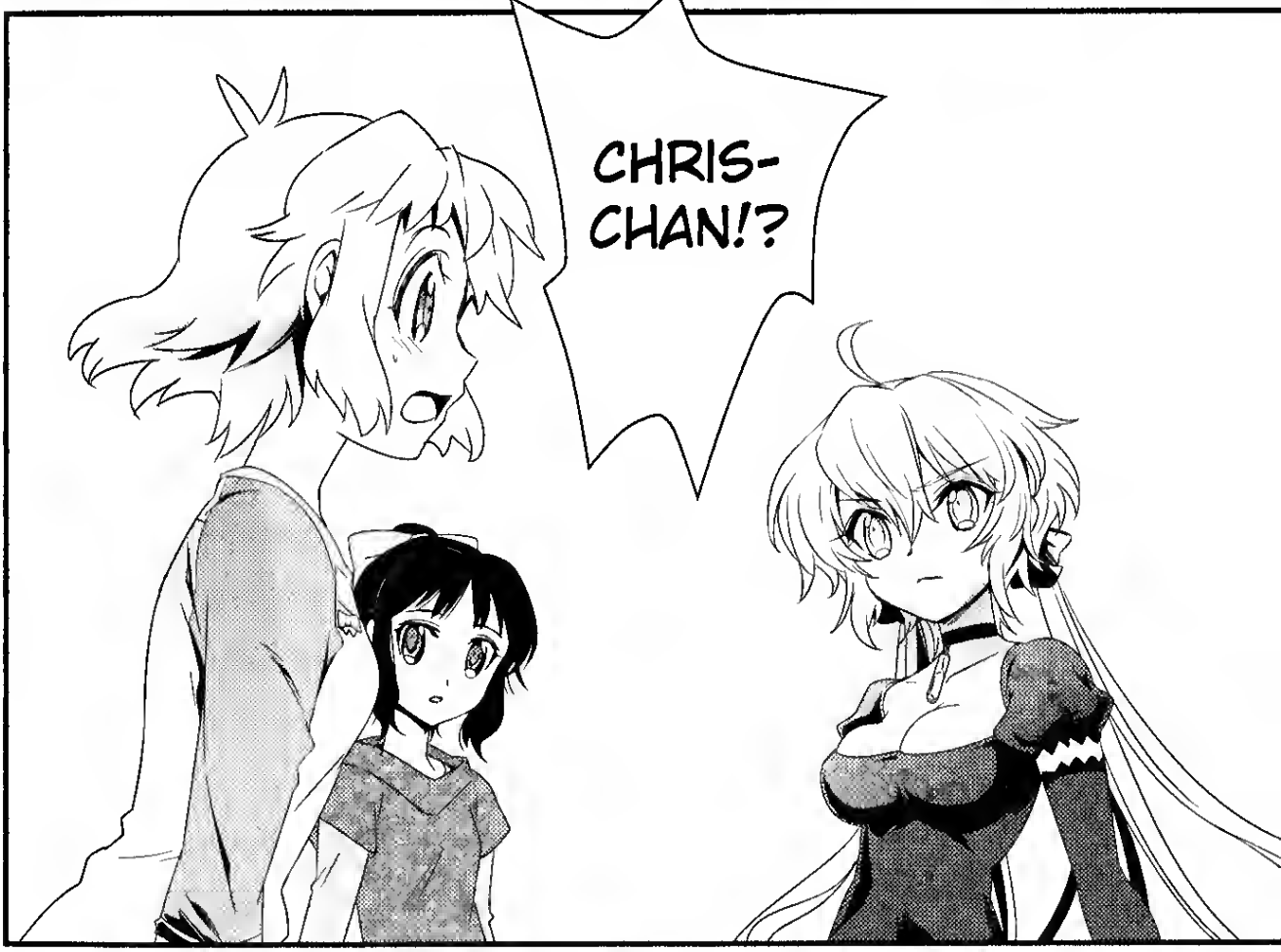

CHRIS-
CHAN!?

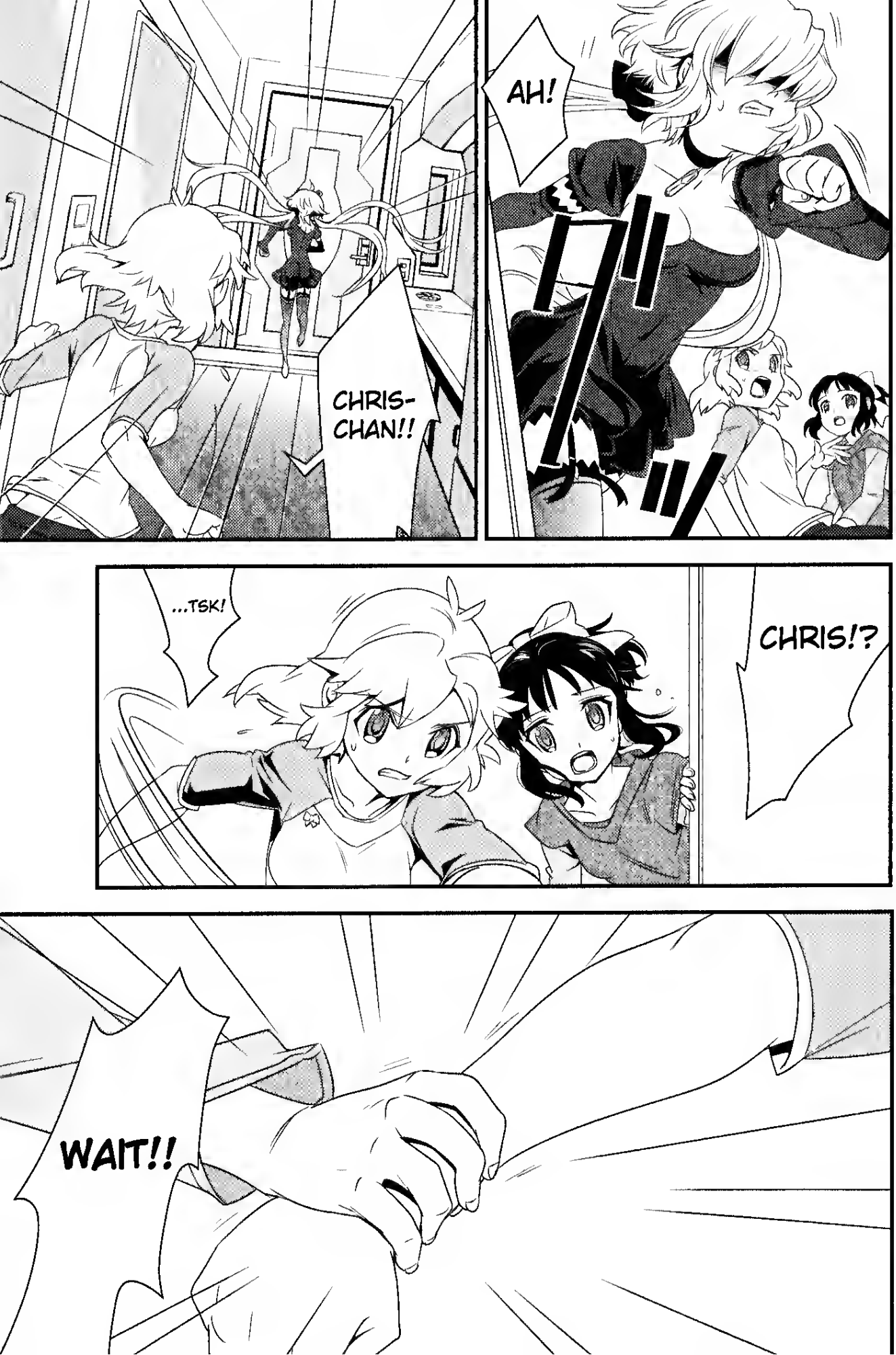
UH...
UM...
WELL
...
WHAT'S WRONG, HIBIKI?
OH NO
...
IT'S THE ALARM
...
WHAT THE!?

BUT THERE MIGHT BE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN DANGER ....
THIS ISN'T LIKE USUAL, YOU CAN'T EXPECT TO JUST GO OUT THERE AND SAVE PEOPLE SO EASILY!

MIKU, YOU STAY HERE!
I'M GOING TO TAKE A QUICK LOOK OUTSIDE!
!?
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!?
YOU KNOW WHAT THE ALARM MEANS!

THE NOISE!?
SHE'S TRYING TO FIND ME.
FINE SUMMONED THE NOISE SO I WOULD BE FORCED OUTSIDE ...

HEY! WHAT THE HELL DOES THIS SOUND MEAN?
WHAT? ...
YOU'VE NEVER HEARD THE WARNING ALARM THAT GOES OFF WHEN THE NOISE ARE SIGHTED?


CHRIS-CHAN!!
AH!
...TSK!
CHRIS!?
WAIT!!

IF YOU'RE GOING TO CHASE AFTER CHRIS, THEN I'M GOING WITH YOU.
MIKU .....
YOU KNOW THAT CHRIS IS MY FRIEND TOO, SO...
WHETHER IT'S ONE PERSON OR TWO, THE DANGER IS STILL THE SAME ISN'T IT?
BUT ...
...MIKU...
.....
OKAY, WE'LL BOTH GO.
BUT I WANT YOU TO PROMISE ME.

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME.
TRUST YOU ...?
BECAUSE I WILL PROTECT YOU.
..... OKAY

I ACTED WITHOUT THINKING AND ALL I'VE DONE IS BRING THE FIGHT ALL THE WAY OUT HERE.
THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANTED TO DO. NOTHING LIKE THIS ...
NOW I'LL HAVE TO ...

I'M RIGHT HERE!
COME GET ME!
JUST LEAVE OTHER PEOPLE OUT OF THIS!!!
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NEHUSHTAN ARMOR!!
EQUIP TO MY FORM !!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE NEHUSHTAN !?
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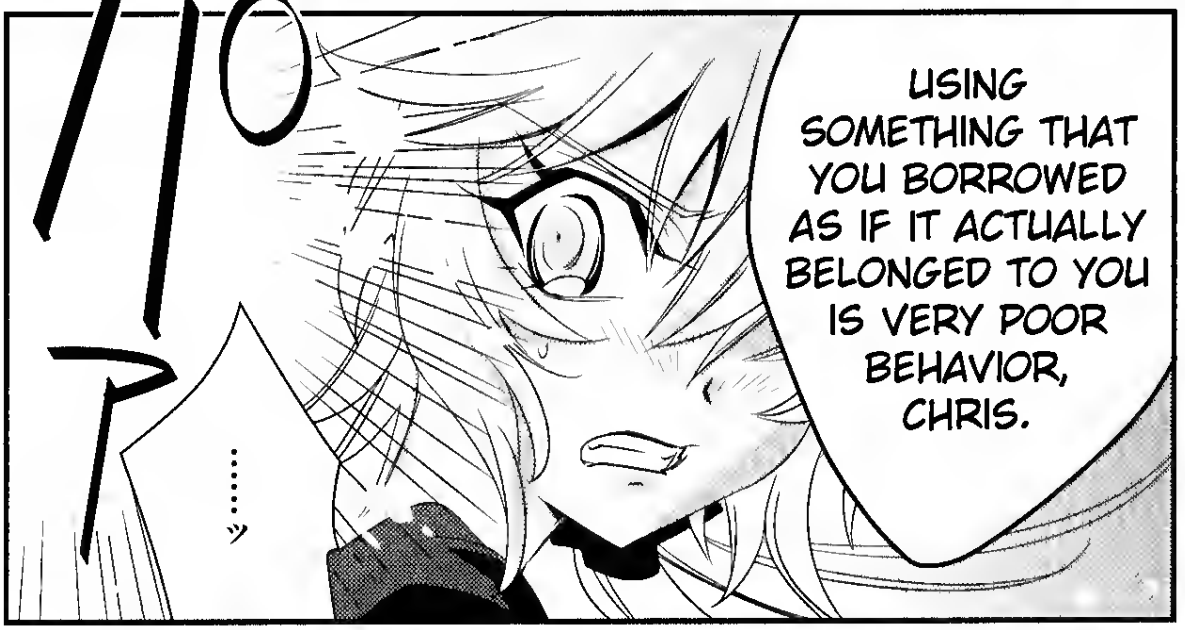
USING SOMETHING THAT YOU BORROWED AS IF IT ACTUALLY BELONGED TO YOU IS VERY POOR BEHAVIOR, CHRIS.
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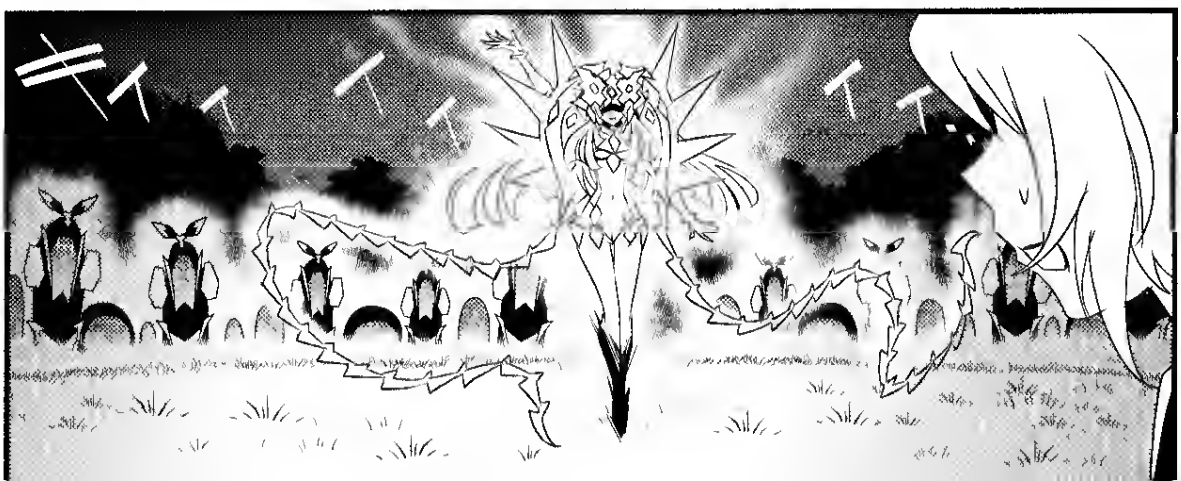

NOW, BE A GOOD LITTLE GIRL AND ACCEPT THE PUNISHMENT!!
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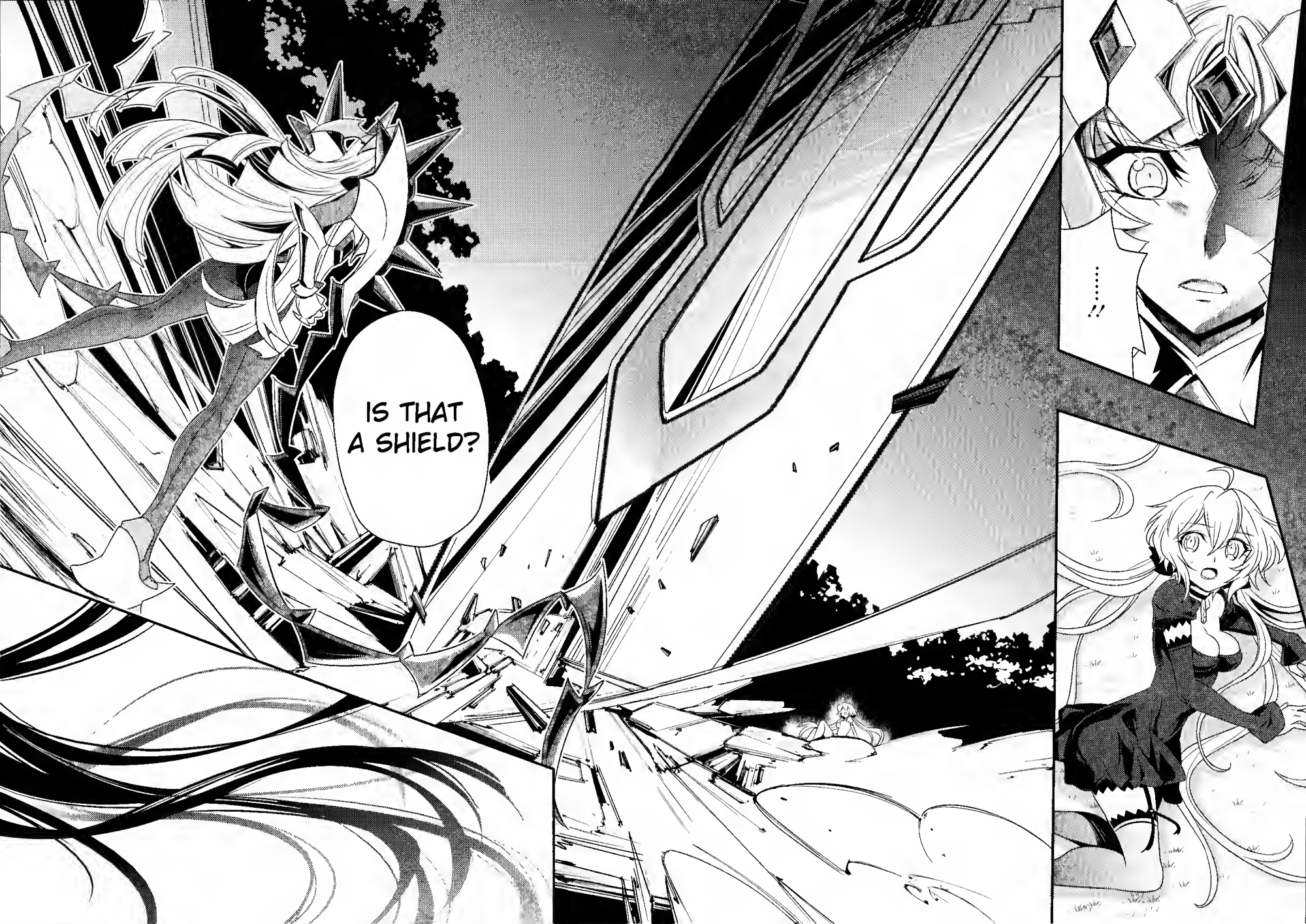
IS THAT A SHIELD?
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IT'S A SWORD !!!